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1842. - The brethern in the meantime secured a dispensation under which the first meeting was held in January, 1842. Meetings were subsequently held until the arrival of the warrant, which was received on the 2nd. of October of the same year. The first meeting therefore under the new warrant, was held in the Lodge room in Balkwell's hotel, on the 3rd. October, 1842, at high noon, when the installation of officers took place, under the superintendence of Wor. Bro. Thos. Dillon, of Lodge, 83 acting as D.D.G.M., and installing officers as follows: Samuel Peters, W.M.; J.H.Joyce, S.W.; Wm.Gunn, J.W.; Jas. Farley, Secretary; A.S.Armstrong, Treasurer; Geo. Code, S.D.; F. Cleverly, J. D. After installation the follwoing applicants were initiated, viz.: - Thos. Fraser, Thos. Kerr, John Balkwill, and H.H.L.Askin. The Lodge commenced work under the most auspicious circumstances, and the amount of business to be done necessitated the holding of three emergent meetings during that month, in addition to the regular meeting. The first fine imposed was that of 6d. sterling upon the Treasurer for being absent from meetings, and for "other delinquencies" committed. Several fines were also recored against other members for neglect of duty, etc. A Committee was appointed to draft a code of By-Laws, and business proceeded harmoniously. On the 27th December the same officers were reelected for 1843. The number of meetings held from October to December was eight.

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1843. The number of meetings held this year was thirteen,yet there was a considerable amount of business transacted,and many applicant admitted initiated. Bro. Cornish in the early part of the year offered a free grant of land on which to build a Masonic Hall, but lack of sufficient funds prewented the acceptance of the liberal offer. On the24th May the Lodge appointed a committee to draft an address of condolenceon the demise of the M. W. the Grand Master,Duke of Sussex; the address was drawn up and for warded to the proper quarter. The brethern celebrated St John's day,June 24th,by attending St.Paul's church,where a sermon was preached by the Rev, Benjamin Cronyn. At the installation in December, votes of thanks were tendered to the retiring officers,except the Treasurer and Secretary, who were both censured for irregularities in their books. The fining process was carried out pretty extensively during the year, many of the officers being mulcted for non-attendance,but whether collected, this deponent saith not.

1844. - The officers this year were:- H.Falconer,W.M.;John McDowell,S.W.;Wm.Law,J.W.;A.Gordon,Secretary; Jno.Brown,Treasurer;C. C.Coombs,S.D.;Jas.Goudy,J.D.; Jacob Leclear,I.G.; W.J.Griffith Tyler. This was a progressive year, the total number of meetings held being thirty-five,averaging three a month. Bro. Hamel having died in February and being in reduced circumstances, the brethern hit upon a novel plan to relieve his family. His jewels and regalia were brought into Lodge and disposed of to the the highest biddess,at the following prices:-Apron, 6s; Sash,5s; Mark,5s; and Brooch, 7s.6d., which amount was handed over to the widow. On the 21st March, the remains of Bro.James Rivers were interred with Masonic honours, the fife and drum band of the 23rd Regiment being in attendence. On St.John's day, June 24th, an imposing turnout of the brethern took place. The members assembled in force, and, marshalled by Wor. Bro. Miles, marched to the Court House where divine service was performed by the Rev. Benjamin Cronyn; the brethern afterwards reformed and proceeded to St.Paul's Churhh yard, on Richmond St. where they assisted in the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the present brick edifice. Wor. Bro. Samuel Peters wielded the trowel on the interesting occasion. In the evening the brethern dined together at the Mechanic's Institute, during which Bro. Norval refused to join in honoring the toast of Her Majesty. At the next meeting a charge was preferred against the brother for his want of loyalty, and he received a severe reprimand from the Lodge. At the meeting on the 13th August a second tender of a free lot of land, on Talbot St. for a Masonic Hall, was made by Bro. Thompson Wilson; the gift however was never taken advantage of. On the 22nd September, Rt.Wor. Bor A.N.McNab,Provincial Scotch Grand Master, was created an honorary member of St.John's, 209. In October of this year the disastrous fire which old settlers will remember created such great devastation in the city, occurred, during which the Lodge room was partially destroyed, and the meetings were held temporarily at Probart's Hotel. On the 10th December, the old Lodge room was again fitted up for occupation,and business was resumed there.The Secretary and Treasurer were on subsequentoccasions during the year fined in several amounts from 1s. to 2s.6d.each, for neglect of duty. The Lodge was more stringent in the systematic matter of levying fines at this period than it is at the present day.

1845. - The number of meetings held during the year was thirty-four,and the officers as follows: - Joshua Putman,W.M.;J.Norval S.W.; J.Richardson, J.W.; Thos. Gidley,Secretary; John Brown, Treasurer;W.J. Griffith, Tyler. Few incidents worthy of note occurred during the year. Among the number it may be mentioned that the year was opened by Bro. Gidley

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Gidley, the Secretary, being suspended for bad behaviour in Lodge, but at a subsequent meeting, having apoligised, he was restored. The funeral of Bro. Cleverly took place on the 26th February, attended by the military fife and drum band. At a meeting in the evening, Bro. Gordon was presented by the Lodge with a handsome silver cup, in acknowledgement of his services as Secretary the previous year. St. John's day, June, 24th was as usual celebrated in a becoming manner, the brethern assembling at divine service, to hear an excellent sermon preached by the Rev. Benjamin Cronyn, at the new Scotch church. The procession was headed by the band of the 81st. regiment. At this time Bro. Gidley, being one of a party who visited Goderich to assist in the installation of officers of a Lodge in that town, met with a serious injury on the way, and the Lodge, at its next meeting opened a subscription for his relief.

1846. - The officers for 1846 were: - H.Falconer, W.M.; J.Allen, S.W.; John Gray, J.W.; A.S.Abbott, Treasurer; D.McKenzie, Secretary; J.Sayers, S.D.; J.Probett, J.D.; D.O'Reilly, J.D.; J.LeClear, Tyler. The number of meetings this year was twenty. On the 13th January Bro. Jacob LeClear was suspended for being intoxicated, and consequently neglecting his duty; but having made the necessary restitution, he was at the next meeting reinstated. At a meeting on April 16th. it was reported that several of the Lodge jewels were missing, and a committee was appointed to make inquiries into the matter. On St. John's day, June24th the brethern marched in procession to church, headed by the 82nd band, where a sermon was again preached by the Mason's favorite, the Rev. B. Cronyn. In the evening the brethern dined together at Balkwill's, where an unusually pleasant time was spent. On the 14th July Bro. LeClear charged Bro.McKenzie with striking him while in discharge of his duty as Tyler; Committee appointed to investigate. On the same evening Bro. Boyce was expelled from Lodge for disgraceful conduct towards Bros. Gray and Baker. Again, on the 11th. August, Bro. Armstrong was suspended for twelve months for unmasonic conduct. Nothing special from this date to the end of the year.

1847. - There was little business of importance transacted this year, which may be thus summed up: The brethern as usual attended divine service at the Episcopal Methodist church, on June 24th, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. Bro. Gibson, and in the evening met together in social intercourse over a dinner. On the 22rd October, a gala day for London, the brethern joined in procession with other public bodies, and assisted the Directors in breaking ground on the Great Western Railway. The officers of the year, as follows, were installed on the 27th December: - A.S.Abbott, W.M.; R.Abernethy, S.W.; D.McKenzie, J.W.; Thos. Gidley, Secretary; Wm.Gordon, Treasurer; In the evening the brethern dined together at Balkwell's Hotel. Number of meetings held this year was sixteen.

1848. - The officers this year were: - Jas. Daniell, W.M.; D.McKenzie, S.W.; Wm.Moore, J.W.; Thos.Gidley, Secretary; Wm.Gordon, Treasurer; Wm.Till, S.D.; Thos.Francis, S.D.; J.LeClear, Tyler. Installation, December27th. On the 8th. February, the Lodge remitted the Treasurer's dues on account of losses sustained by him in indorsing notes for Bro. Probett. On the 27th. the remains of Bro. Gaudy were interred with masonic ceremonies. December 12th, Bro.O'Reilly preferred a chargexng against Bro.LeClear for calling him a robber; thematter was laid over for investigation. December 27th, brethern dined together in the evening. Number of meetings held during the year, sixteen.

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1849.- This was a year of interest, and of considerable Masonic importance. The number of meetings held was thirty-two, being nearly three per month, and will afford some idea of the amount of business that must have been transacted. The officers for the year were:- C.B.Hewitt, W.M.; Wm. Moore, S.W.; Thos. Francis, J.W.; W.Gordon, Treasurer; A.S.Abbott, Secretary; G.W.Harper, S.D.; Jno.Mellis, J.D.; J.LeClear, Tyler. On the 9th January a new lodge room was secured, temporarily at Bro. Lewis' Hotel, and in the following April a committee was appointed to rent and furnish a suitable place of meeting in the Robinson Hall, for which purpose a sum of ~~£51.10S~~ £51.10S was set apart from the funds of the Lodge. The new Hall was first occupied on the 15th May. On the 20th June the foundation stone of the Union School was laid with Masonic ceremonies. The brethern marched in procession to the grounds, headed by the fife and drum band of the 20th Regiment. The speakers on the occasion were the late Simeon Merrill, Judge John Wilson and Bro. Magill. The brethern further celebrated this event by a dinner in the evening. On the 28th Bro. LeClear again got into trouble, this time with Bro. O'Reilly, who made a charge against him for assault and calling him a thief; the complaint was referred to a committee. On the 27th. November Bro. Daniell presented the Lodge with a Bible. In return for the gift, the Lodge ordered a portrait of the donor ~~taken~~ to be taken and placed in a frame on the altar. On the 18th December it was resolved to procure a new set of collars for the officers of the Lodge. The installation of the officers was held on the 27th and in celebration of the day a grand ball was given in the evening. The balance in the hands of the treasureer at the end of the year amounted to £8 3s 11d.

1850. - The number of meetings held this year was nearly equal to those of the previous year, being thirty-one. On the 30th January the Lodge was called to meet at 9 a.m. to raise a brother who was about leaving the town. On the 26th March Bro. E. Matthews gave notice that at the following meeting he would move for a grant of £10 towards the purchase of books for a Masonic Library. The motion was lost, however submitted, and the projected Library scheme fell through. April 23rd Bro. Daniell was presented by the Lodge with an address, complimenting him upon his zeal and efficiency while presiding in the chair as Worshipful Master. On the 14th May Bro. Gidley was suspended forunmasonic conduct in threatening to divulge secrets of the craft. On the 11th June the brethern attempted to heal the little unpleasantness existing between Bros. O'Reilly and LeClear, by calling both to the bar of the Lodge and requesting them to "shake" and be friends. Bro. O'Reilly proved obdurate and refused, and was therefore ordered to remove from the Lodge. On the 22nd June the melancholy suicidal death of Bro. Matthews took place, in consequence of which the usual semi-annual St.John's day celebration was omitted. The funeral of Bro. Matthews was held on the 24th, the fife and drum band of 23rd. Regiment being in attendance. On the 7th of August the ballot was passed on the admissionas member, of the late Thomas Pool, when a most extraordinary occurrence was noted, the entire ballot being marked foul. On the 13th August, Bro. A.G.Smythe submitted a petition on behalf of himself and others, to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, praying for a warrent to open a new Lodge in the town, to be styled "Prince Albert", and asking for the support of St.John's Lodgetowards that object. After a discussion on the advisability of incurring the expenses attached to the working of an additional lodge, the petitioners were prevailed upon to withdraw the paper. The officers for the current year were: Jas. Daniell, W.M.; D.J.Hughes, S.W.; J.M.Bennett, J.W.; D.Lester

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D.Lester,S.D.;A.C.Smythe,J.D.;A.S.Abbott,Secretary;E.W.Hyman,Treasurer; M.Magill,Chaplain;J.LeClear,Tyler. The installation took placeDecember 27th., and a ball in the evening.

1851. - A change this year occurred in the election of officers in which it was decided to hold them semi-annually. Number of meetings held during the year, twenty-four. On the 11th of March a notice of motion was given by Bro. Moore to the effect that the Grand Lodge of Ireland be requested to withdraw the warrant of 209, with a view to an affiliation with the Grand Lodge of Canada. The motion was eventually dropped. On the 24th June the following officers were installed:W.Moore, W.M.; Thos. Francis, S.W.; J.W.Rolfe,J.W.; J.M.Bennett,S.D.; Richard Mrr Evans,J.D.; E.W.Hyman, Treasurer; A.S.Abbott, Secretary; M.Magill,Chaplain; J.LeClear, Tyler. In the morning the brethern proceeded to Port Stanley, and installed the officers of Middlesex Lodge,211 ". On the 27th December the following officers of 209 were installed: J.M.Bennet W.M.; J.F.Rolfe,S.W.; E.W.Hyman, J.D.; A.C.Stone, Treasurer; A.S.Abbott, Treasurer;Secretary; M.Burgess, S.D.;J.W.Harper,J.D.;J.LeClear,Tyler.

1852.- The number of meetings held this year was twenty-nine, and the officers elected for the first half year,on June24th, were:- J.F.Rolfe, W.M.; E.W.Hyman,S.W.; W.J.Harper,J.W.;Jas. Moffatt, S.D.; D.Lester, J.D.; Thos. Allen, Treasurer; A.S.Abbott,Secretary; J.LeClear, Tyler. After the installation the brethern marched in procession to the Mechanics Institute where they were addressed by the Rev. Bro. Magill, Chaplain, and afterwards dined together at the Robinson Hall. On the 13th July the members met at 8 a.m. and proceeded to St. Thomas in stages, the advance being taken by the band of the Royal Artillery in a six-horse coach, the object being to assist Middlesex Lodge,211, in laying the foundation stone of the Elgin County Buildings. In the cavity were deposited along with the roll, the names of the brethern of 209. The party returned home at 9 p.m. On the 13th September the first presentation of a Past Master's jewel by the Lodge was made to Wor. Bro. Daniell,at a public soiree held for that purpose. On the 12th October, the Tyler, having been absent on a tour of inspection of observation was heavily fined in the sum of 5s. for neglect of duty. The brethern, or at least those thirsting for office,again made an attempt to break away, and on the 9th November, Bro. Thompson Wilson presented, for recommendation by the Lodge a petition to Grand Lodge of England for a charter for a new Lodge to be named St George's, with the following officers named: - Thompson Wilson, W.M.; A.C.Stone, S.W.; D.Sterling,J.W.; There being no opposition offered by the Lodge, the required recommendation was given. On the 12th November a motion was brought up in Lodge to secure a site for a Masonic Hall on Richmond St. , on the spot where the fruit store of R.Mountjoy now stands, and ordering a joint stock company to be formed organized with shares at £5 each, provided the ground could be obtained at £16.10s. per foot. This scheme was susequently abandoned, owing to the inability of the brethern to float a sufficient amount of stock. Other sites were afterwards proposed,especially a portion of the Harris property; but the idea of embarking upon such an undertaking as the building a Masonic Hall, without funds on hand to meet the necessary calls.was finally given up. The lottery system was then in its infancy in this country. The installation of officers on December 27th. was as follows: Jas. Daniell, W.M.; W.J.Harper, S.W.; S.P.Ayers, J.W.; G.W.Harper, S.W.; Thos.Scatcherd, J.D.; Thos. Allen, Treasurer; A.S.Abbott,Secretary; J.LeClear, Tyler.

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1853. - The number of meetings this year was thirty-one. The opening meeting of the ye r recorded a fine on Bro. Bostcherd of 2s.6d. for neglecting his duties as Junior Deacon, he being at the time found enjoying himself over a newspaper in the reading-room below; our Brother submitted and paid his fine resignedly. On the evening of the 9th of February the brethern gave a high-toned ball -- tickets 1£ - which was attended by a fashionable ~~masonic~~ assemblage. On the 2nd March, Bros.W.J. Harper and J. Burgess being about to leave for Australia, were entertained at supper and presented with an address by members of the Lodge. On the 13th April Bro. Abbott was fined 2s.6d. for being absent from his post as Secretary; and the next meeting the Tyler was mulcted in a fine of 5s. for a similiar offence. The following officers were installed on the 24th June:- Jas. Daniell, W.M.; S.P.Ayers, S.W.; G.W.Harper, J.W.; Peter Wycoff, S.D.; W.B.Leather, J.D.; Thos. Allen, Treasurer; A.S.Abbott, Secretary; J.Leclear, Tyler. The brethern afterwards attended Divine service and listened to a sermon preached by the Rev, Bro. Street, and dined together at Bro. Thompson's hotel in the evening. The Masonic Hall scheme again loomed up on the 9th August and a committee was appointed to look up a site, Mr. Pomeroy's property being suggested, the Lodge asking the cooperation of its sister Lodge of StGeorge in the project. The plan, like the one first mooted, again fell flat. On the 11th October, several officers, absent, were fined in the sum of 5s. each; the imposition of ~~its~~ fines during the year was most lavishly persisted in , although it is very doubtful if very many of them were collected. The year's proceedings closed with the installation of officers as follows:- Jas. Daniell; W.M.; M.Burgess, S.W.; Jas.Moffatt, J.W.; J.Christie, S.D.; W.B.Leather, J.D.; Thos.Allen, Treasurer; A.S.Abbott, Secretary; J.LeClear, Tyler.

1854.- Want of harmony and brotherly feeling were e hibited amo g several of the brethern during the year. On the 14th February Bro.LeClear resigned his position as Tyler, owing to some fancied grievance. On the 9th May Bro. Ayers preferred a charge against Bro.W.Burns for abusing him; and on the same evening a similiar charge was ~~laid~~ presented by Bro. Ezekiel against Bro. Francis. The charges were referred to the usual committee. The half -yearly installation took place on June 20th as follows,- Jas. Daniell, W.M.; Jas.Moffat, S.W.; J.Christie, J.W.; S.P.Ayers, S.D.; Jno.Siddens, J.D.; Thos.Allen, Treasurer; A.S.Abbott, Secretary; Thos.McMullen, Tyler. Bro.Daniell was a great favorite, the brethern having placed him in the chair for four consecutive terms, beside conferring the same honour upon him on a previous occasion. On the evening of the installation the brethern of StJohn's and St George's Lodges dined together at Bro.McDowell's hotel. The installation of officers on the 27 December was as follows:- S.P.Ayers, W.M.; Jas.Moffatt, S.W. J.J.McKenzie J.W.; Thos.McDonagh, S.D ; J.W.Kerr, , J.D.; Thos.Allen, Treas.; A.S.Abbott, Secretary; John Keary, Tyler. The number of meetings held this year was twenty-one.

1855. - This was a year of considerable importance to St.John's Lodge. The number of meetings held was twenty-three. On the 10th April the question of throwing off allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and affiliating with the Grand Lodge of Canada came up for discussion, when it was resolved that ~~immediate~~ it was expedient to take the necessary steps towards that object. during the evening, a sum of £25 was granted from the Lodge funds to the English Patriotic Fund. At the next regular meeting, May8th, the Master and Wardens were appointed delegates to attend a convention at Hamilton, to consider the question of affiliation; Bro. A.S.Abbott dissented. St.John's day, June 24th, was celebrated by a dinner, in which St.John's and St.George's Lodges joined. There was no election of officers on this occasion. On the 9th October another delegation from 209, in relation to the affiliation of the Lodge

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with the Grand Lodge of Canada, was appointed, consisting of Bros.Daniell, Moffatt, and Abbott, to attend an adjourned convention at Hamilton on the following day. The result of the visit was, that at the next regular communication, October 13th, ot was moved that Bros. Daniell, Moore,and Scatcherd be a committee to draft a resolution to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, to the effect that St.John's Lodge,209, had ceased to work under its jurisdiction. On the 27th it was further resolved that a necessity existed for the formation of an independent Grand Lodge of Canada,209 pledging itself, as a Lodge, to maintain the same. It was likewise resolved that the Grand Lodge of Ireland be requested to permit the Irish warrant to remain in the Lodge. Neither of these resolutions were acted upon at this time. On the 27th December the following officers were elected:- Jas.Moffatt, W.M.; J.McKenzie,S.W.; Wm.Daniell, J.W.;D.M.Askin Secretary; Thos.Ullen,Treasurer; Ed.Garrett,J.D.; T.McMullen,S.D.;D.Fraser Tyler.

1856.- This, and the two following years, were seasons of trouble and discord among the brethern, the Grand Lodge of Canada being the basis of dispute between two contending sections- one being for retaining connection with the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the other for forming an alliance with the Grand Lodge of Canada. The number of meetings held was twenty-four, but very little business of importance was transacted during the year. On the 22nd April Kilwinning Lodge was granted the use of 209 Lodge room to meet in. June 10th Bro. Ezkiel was charged with defrauding Bro.A.S.Abbott of £150,Bro.Selligman of £400 and Bro.B.Nash of £75. A committee was appointed to inquire into the several charges. Shortly after this period a spirit of atagonism and bad feeling began to exhibit itself amonf malcontents at the Lodge, and the sister lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Canada. The result was a resolution by 209 to the effect that, "until the proceedings adopted by St.George's Lodge against the brechtern of St.John's and Kilwinning be abandoned, and proper apologies offered,no member of St.George's Lodge be admitted as visitor to 209". Immediately subsequent to this,everything relating to Lodge business appeared in a state of chaos.

1857-1858.- We have no records of the transactions of St.John's Lodge from July 8,1856,to May 13, 1859. During this period ceaseless were the bickerings among the members ,one portion being desirous of working under their Irish warrant, and the other arraying itself in opposition. A final separation eventually occurred, those favoring separation securing a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Canada, under the title of St.Johns Lodge,No.14, the number being later on changed to No. 20,under which number that Lodge is at present known. The loyal members however,retained their old Irish warrant, and continued to work under it as St.John's 209. As the records during the interval between the above dates are missing, very little is known of the actual progress of 209 at this period.

1859.- This was a broken year,and only four meetings are recorded as having been held. For some time previously the Grand Lodge of Canada refused to recognize St.John's 209 as a Lodge,simply because it preferred to work under its Irish warrant. On the 13th May the installation of officerswhich should have taken place on the pewvious December,was held, as follows:- E.Garrett,W.M.;Alex.Johnston,S.W.;.J.F.Rolfe,J.W.D.McKenzie, Secretary;. The Lodge at this meeting forwarded two years' dues to the Grand Lodge of Ireland. On the 16th November the ~~int~~ initiation fee was temporarily fixed at $12. The second installation in this year took place on the 16th November,as follows: - E.Garrett,W.M.;T.H.Buckely,S.W.;Richard Irvine,J.W.;D.McKenzie,Secretary; Alex.Johnston,Treasurer; James McDowell S.W.;Geo.Taylor,J.D.;Jacob LeClear,Tyler.

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1860. -- The Lodge now assumed a more workable shape, and notwithstanding the bi[illegible]er feeling evinced towards its members by the other Canadian lodges, went on progressing. The number of meetings held during the year was seventeen. On the 21st March, Bro.T.M.Askin presented the Lodge with [illegible] fourteen new aprons, a gift duly appreciated by the brethern. On the 20th June the Lodge moved its quarters to the new hall in the Albion buildings, Richmond street, on which evening the semi-annual installation of officers was held, as follows:-,E. Garrett, W.M.; R.Irvine, S.W.; Jas.McDowell, J.W.; W.D.Wilson, Secretary; Geo.Perkins, Treasurer; Geo.Taylor, S.D.; R.Melligan, J.D.; J.LeClear, Tyler. On the 26th Septemper the Secretary was instructed, by vote of Lodge, to apply to St.John's Lodge, No.20, for the records of 209, or copies of the same, held in its possession. The installation, December 27th, was as follows: Richard Irvine, W.M.; Geo.Taylor, S.W.; R.Melligan, J.W.; D.McKenzie, Secretary; Geo.Perkins, Treasurer; Thos.Winnett, S.D.; Thos.Partridge, J.D.; J.LeClear, Tyler.

1861. -- Lodge matters were again approaching a crisis, and during the year the want of harmony on all sides continued unabated. The Lodge, however, continued in a prosperous condition, the number of meetings during the year being twenty-[illegible] three. On the 16th January, Brother Samuel Peters, who had previously been suspended for unmasonic conduct, made application to be reinstated. The application was favorably recommended [illegible] for action by Grand Lodge of Ireland and on the 15th of May, in compliance with instructions from theat body, Bro. Peters was reinstated, The usual installation on June 24th resulted as follows: - Geo.Taylor, W.M.; R.Melligan, S.W.; Thos.Partridg[illegible] J.W.; Thos.Winnett, S.D.; Chas.Fellows, J.D.; D.McKenzie, Secretary; Geo. Perkins, Treasurer; J.LeClear, Tyler. At the same meeting Bro.Jas.Mc Dowell was suspended for three months for unmasonic conduct. The brethern celebrated St.John's day by dining together in the evening [illegible] at Dulmage's hotel. On the 10th July, a deputation from 209, appointed to visit the Grand Lodge of Canada, then in session in London, reported that it had been refused admission. Bro. Tully, the representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in Canada, promised to visit 209 at this regular meeting, in order to explain the correct state of affairs, but failing to present himself, the Lodge passed a vote of censure upon him. On the 28th November, a resolution was passed to communicate with Representative Tully, and request him to take immedia[illegible] ate steps towards demanding a recognition of 209 by the sister Lodges in London. At the same meeting a letter was read from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, guaranteeing to sustain the rights and privileges of 209, as long as any of its members desired to remain under its jurisdiction. The installation of the 27th December was as follows: - E.Garrett, W.M.; F.E.Cornish, S.W.; Thos.Winnett, J.W.; D.McKenzie, Secretary; Geo.Perkins, Treasurer; R.Wigmore, S.D.; Chas.Fellows, J.D.; J.LeClear, Tyler.

1862. -- The number of meetings held this year was twenty-three. The contending parties were no nearer any amicable arrangement of the existing difficulties than during the previous year, and the same ill-feeling continued on both sides. On the 2nd.April a proclamation was submitted at a regular meeting, issued by the Grand Lodge of Canada, forbidding Masonic intercourse by the Canadian Lodges with 209. A Committee therefore was at once appointed by 209 to draft an appeal to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, protesting against such an act of injustice, and asking protection. The following officers were installed on the 24th June: -F.E.Cornish, W.M.; Thos.Winnett, S.W.; R.Wigmore, J.W.; D.McPherson, S.D.; Peter Burr, J.D.; Chas.Fellows, Secretary; A.McCormick, Treasurer; J.LeClear, Tyler. In the evening the berthern dined together On the 16th July a letter was received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, announcing that in view of the action of the

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the Grand Lodge of Canada in forbidding intercourse with 209, it had instructed its representative, Bro. Tully, to withdraw from the Grand Lodge of Canada. On the 15th October the Secretary was ordered to communicate with No. 20 and request that Lodge to return the books, regalia and jewels belonging to 209, which it held in its possession. The action of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in withdrawing its representative from the Grand Lodge of Canada, proved to a certain extent effectual in bringing matters to an issue, for on the 20th November, at a regular meeting of 209, a letter was read from Bro. Tully, announcing that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada had revoked all edicts and decisions passed by said Grand Lodge against 209, and declared it entitled to full and free recognition by Grand Lodge of Canada, and all her subordinate Lodges. So far, so good, but the end was not yet. The following officers xxx were installed on the 27th December: - F.B.Cornish, W.M.; Thos.Winnett, S.W.; R.Wigmore, J.D.; A.McCormick, Treasurer; C.Fellows, Treasurer; Secretary; S.W.Abbott, S.D.; F.W.Platt, J.D.; J.LeClear, Tyler. In the evening the brethern dined together at Bro.Dulmage's hotel.

1863.-- The war was continued this year on the part of No.20 with unrelenting pertinacity. On the 18th March, Bro. Jacobs reported that he had sought admission to St. John's ,20, and had been refused, on the ground of being a member of 209. The secretary was instructe to communicate the fact to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada and ask for redress. About this time a more conciliatory tone was evinced by the opposing lodges, and efforts suggested by them, to come to some satisfactory arrangement for healing the existing differences. To this end, therefore, on the 2nd April, 209 appointed a committee to meet similiar Committees from Kilwinning and St.John's20 to discuss the question. On the 24th June a committee was appointed by the Lodge to draft an address to Most Worshipful the Duke of Leinst ter, congratulating him upo n attaining the fifteenth anniversary of his election as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Installation on June 24 as follows: - F.B.Cornish, W.M.; R.Wigmore, S.W.; S.W. Abbott, J.W.; Wm.Platt, S.D.; Geo.Powell, J.D.; Chas.Fellows, Secretary; A.McCormick, Treasurer; A.S.Abbott, Chaplain; J.LeClear, Tyler. In the evening, the brethern dined together at Bro.Francis' hotel. O n the 15th July Bros. Abbott and Alcott reported that they had been refused admission to No. 20. The Grand Lodge of Ireland was again appealed to Installation of officers on December 28th. was as follows:- Thos.Winn ett W.M.; R.Wigmore, S.W.; S.W.Abbott, J.W.; A.McCormick, Treasurer; Chas.Fellows, Secretary ; W.Platt, S.D.; D.Hughes, J.D.; A.S.Abbott, Chaplai J.LeClear, Tyler; The brethern dined together in the evening and presented a First Master's jewel to Bro. Cornish. The number of meetings held this year was twenty-six. The atagonism between the contending parties continued rampant, the efforts previously put forward having failed in the peaceful object intended.

1864. - The number of meetings held this year was twenty- five, and the termination of the difficulty had not yet been reached. The matter in dispute was simply this. St.John's, 209, desired to pursue their labours under their Irish warrant; this the other Lodges wished to prevent if possible, by endeavoring to coerce 209 to affiliate with the Canada Grand Lodge, which it persistently refused to do; hence the persecution that was practiced by local sister lodges towards their elder brethern. On the 3rd February, Bro. Morrison was charged by Bro. Balkwell with exposing the grips and signs of the Order in a public tavern. He was subsequently found guilty of the charge and expelled. On the 2nd March, a report of a proposed agreement between Nos. 209 and 20 was submitted to Lodge, to the effect that if 209 would withdraw all claims to the jewels and furniture in the possession of 20, that Lodge would surrender to 209 all bookxp papers and

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other documents originally the property of said Lodge. It was decided that the Lodge take no action on the question until the Grand Lodge of Ireland had been consulted thereon. The Lodge was evidently meeting with success during those troublesome times, not only in adding new members to its roll, but also financially, for we find it reported on the 16th March, that it had a surplus to its credit of $132.00- a very satisfactory exhibit indeed. At a regular meeting, April 27th it was reported to the Lodge that the warrant had been stolen from the hall. A committee was appointed to enquire into and endeavor to unravel the mystery. In the meantime it was decided that a new warrant should be applied for from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. On the 4th May the committee in question reported that they could find no trace of the lsot warrant.or by whom abstracted. On May 18th a proposition was submitted to the Lodge by the joint committees of StGeorge's, Kilwinning, and St.John's,20,Lodges, offering a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Canada, free of charge to 209. The offer was treated with co contempt. On the 6th July a new duplicate warrant, to replace the one stolen, was received from the Grand L dge of Ireland. The semi-annual installation took place June 24th as follows: - Thos.Winnett, W.M.; R.Wigmore,S.W.; S.W.Abbott,J.W.;A.McCormick,Treasurer; Chas. Fellows,Secretary; Wm.Platt,S.D.;D.Hughes,J.D.;A.S.Abbott,Chaplain; J.LeClear,Tyler. On the 20th July notice was received the Representative Tully had been instructed by the Grand Lodge Of Ireland to institute enquiries into the cause of the refusal of the Canadian sister lodges to fraternize with the brethern of 209. At the meeting this evening the Tyler reported that he had injured his foot against a stone, upon which the Lodge liberally awarded him a solatium of $4.00. August 17th, word was received that the Grand Lodge of Canada,at its recent session,refused to take action upon Bro. Tully's representation reppecting the Canadian lodges. On the 16th June, a communication was received from Bro. Moffat, offering on behalf of No. 20,to rent their lodge room to 209; the offer was refused. On the 21st December a new set of L dge collars was ordered from Dublin. Notwithstanding the opposition 209 had to contend with from the other Lodges,it continued in a healthy condition,having a sum of $362 to its credit.on the books at date. On the 27th the following officers were installed: R.Wigmore,W.M.; S.W.Abbott,,S.W; W.T.Fairbrother,J.W.;W.S.Smith,Treasurer; Chas.Fellows,Secretary;J.Mathews,S.D.; D.McPhail,J.D.;A.Powell, Tyler.

1865.- The number of meetings held during the year wastwenty-four. On the 18th January the new collars arrived, at a cost of £16. 6s.3d.,or about $18.$80. On the 15th Bro. Palmer presented the Lodge with a handsome ballot box. On the same evening Bro.Abbott charged Bro. Ferguson with calmunating his character; the dispute was amicabl arranged subsequently. On the 24th June the following officers were installed:- S.W.Abbott,W.M.; W.S.Smith,S.W.;W.T.Fairbrother,J.W.; A.Powell, Treasurer;Chas.Fellows,Secretary;D.McPhail,S.D.;G.Palmer, J.D.;R.J.Sheldon,Chaplain;Chas.Cater,Tyler . July 20th it was reported that the altar candlesticks had, since the previous meeting,been carried off by Bro. Winnett, and secreted in some quarter known only to himself. The matter was referred to a committee to inquire into. On the 27th December the following officers were installed:.W.S.Smith, W.M.;W.T.Fairbrother,S.W.;Jas.O'Connor, J.W.;A.R.Abbott,S.D ; Geo. Birrell,J.D.;Thos.Partridge,Secretary;A.S.Abbott,Treasurer;Chas. Cater,Tyler;.

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1866.- This was a year of but little moment, although twehty-two meetings were held, but in which we find nothing of importance to record. The installation took place on the 25th June, as follows:- W.T.Fairbrothe. W.M.;Geo.S.Birrell;,S.W.; A.R.Abbott,J.W.;D.Buckler,S.D.;M.Currie,J.D.; Jno.Scandrett,Treasurer;A.S.Abbott,Secretary;C.Cater,Tyler. Smallpox being prevalent in town at this period, the usual ST.John's day dinner was dispensed with. On the 27th the officers were installed:-Jas.O'Connor,W.M.;J.Matthews,S.W.;D.Buckler,J.W.;D.McDougall,S.D.;P.Couts,J.D.; W.Wade,Treasurer;J.Ferguson,Secretary;J.LeClear,Tyler.

1867.- The number of meetings held this year was unprecedented in the history of the Lodge, being no less than forty-four, nearly four a month. It was, notwithstanding a quiet year. Officers installed June 24th:- A.R.Abbott,W.M.;JohnJones,S.W.;J.B.Jacobs,J.W.;Jno.Gray,Treasurer;A.S.Abbott,Secretary;W.Graham,S.D.;D.McPhail,J.D.;Geo.Taylor,Chaplain; J.LeClear,Tyler; The brethern dined in the Tecumseh house in the evening. July 17th, Kilwinning Lodge was charged with inducing candidates anxious to join 209 to send their petitions to the first named lodge. On the 8th December a Pastmaster of recent date was susppended for appearing ~~in~~ in the Lodge in a state of intoxication, during which he upset the jewels and Bible, and otherwise improperly conducted himself. Installation December, 27th.:- D.Buckler,W.M.?; Wm.Graham,S.W.; J.Ferguson, J.W.; Wm.Glynn,S.D.; D.Downs,J.D.; JohnGray,Treasurer; A.S.Abbott,Secretary;Geo.Taylor,Chaplain;J.LeClear,Tyler.

1868.- This was a year of discord, both on the part of the opponents of 209, and from internal dissensions among the members of the Lodge itself. The number of meetings held was nineteen. On the 8th January the Pastmaster previously referred to having apologized for his conduct at the meeting on the 8th December, was recommended to Grand Lodge of Ireland for restoration. On the 5th February it was reported that the Ark of St.John's R.A.Chapter, which was deposited in the Lodge room, had been broken open and despoiled. A Committee was therefore appointed to investigate. On the 17th June a spirit of insubordination to the constituted Lodge authorities broke out anew among those brethern favorable to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and which showed itself unmistakeably at this meeting. It was therefore resolved, "That, in the interest of Masonry, and from the feeling exhibited on the part of those wishing to separate from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, it is deemed inadvisable to proceed with the business of the Lodge this evening; and further, that a notice be served on the insubordinate brethern of the charges preferred against them, and that they be refused admission to meetings of Lodge pending instructions from Grand Lodge." The charges complained of were for conspiring with Bro.O'Connor to obtain votes for office, and endeavoring to compel members to sign a document calculated to subvert the government of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. On the 24th June the following officers were installed:- D.Buckler,W.M.;A.MCCORMICK,S.W.;F.A.Fitzgerald, J.W.;Thos.Pearsel,S.D.;H.Coote,J.D.;J.Scrandett,Treasurer; A.S.Abbott,Sec.; Geo.Taylor,Chaplain; and Forknell,Tyler. Under the difficulties in which 209 labored at this period, and for some time before, the Grand Lodge of Ireland did all in its power to restore harmony and instructed its representative, Bro.Tully, to lend his best efforts to obtain so desirable an object. The impression gained ground, however, that the Irish representative was working all the time into the hands of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Hence, 209 received scant satisfaction from that source. In the meantime everything that could be devised was perpetrated by the malcontents to endeavor to estrange the brethern of 209 and cause them to depart from the loyal stand they had taken, but all to no purpose; they continued firm. The Lodge collars, jewels, aprons, and other property, were surreptitiously abstracted from their hall, the windows broken and other indignities offered; still the loyal portion of 209 remained solid. This state of affairs existed for some time, the Grand Lodge of Canada making no effort to heal the breach or condemn such unmasonic conduct on the part of its adherents.

1869.- The number of meetings held this year was twelve. On the 17th March, Bro. Ferguson, with other of the suspended ones, presented themselves at the Lodge door and demanded admission. Being refused, and showing no disposition to retire, the Lodge was closed for the evening. The Grand Lodge of Ireland was again appealed to, and a protest sent by that body to the Grand Lodge of Canada against permitting a continuance of such conduct, at the same time recommending the dissatisfied ones with 209 to withdraw and join some Canada lodge. June 16th, it having b been ascertained who were the guilty parties concerned in abstracting the Lodge property, a call was made upon Bros. Ferguson, Morden, Thos. Powell, Fletcher, and John Gray to return the articles. The installation of officers was held July 21st as follows:- A.McCormick, W.M.; F.A.Fitzgerald, S.W.; Thos.Peel, J.W.; Jno.Scandrett, Treasurer; A.S.Abbott, Secretary; Thos.Partridge, S.D.; M.Teeple, J.D.; GEO.Taylor, Chaplain; E.G.Forknell, Tyler. In the evening bro.Bickler was presented with a pastmaster's jewel by the lodge. On the 16th November the Lodge received summonses issued by Grand Lodge of Ireland, addressed to Bros. Ferguson and Morden, requesting them to show cause why they should not be expelled. Installation, December 27th, as follows:- S.W.Abbott, W.M.: Thos.Peel, S.W.: D.Buckler, J.W.; E.Teeple, S.D.; J.Bagley, J.D.: JohnScandrett, Treasurer; A.S.Abbot, Secretary; Geo.Taylor, Chaplain; Patrick Barrett, Tyler.

1870.- This was a quiet year, and the members of 209 received but l little interruption from their enemies. The meetings held were sixteen. On the 18th May the Lodge contributed the sum of $50.00 in aid of the Masonic Boys' Orphan School, Dublin. Officers installed June 25th were:- S.W.Abbott, W.M.; Thos.Peel, S.W.; Jas.Mitchell, J.W.; JohnShopland, S.D.; M.Teeple, J.D.; J.Scandrett, Treasurer; A.S.Abbott, Secretary; Geo.Taylor, Chaplain; P.Barrett, Tyler. On the 19th October the Lodge made another display of its benevolence by granting a sum of $50.00 towards the Female Orphan School, Dublin. December 21st., installation of officers:- Thos.Peel, W.M.; J.Mitchell, S.W.; J.Shopland, J.W.; M.Teeple, S.D.; J.D.Hull, J.D.; A.S.Abbott, Secretary; J.Scandrett, Treasurer; Geo.Taylor, Chaplain; P.Barstee, Tyler.

1871.- This year there was but one election of officers, in December. Number of meetings held, fifteen. On the 21st June another charitable grant was made by the lodge of £2 in aid of the life-boat service on the Irish coast. Installation, December, 20th:- J.Shoplnad, W.M.: JohnGray, S.W.; D.McPhail, J.W.; M.TeepleS.D.; J.D.Hull, J.D.; Jno. Scandrett, Treasurer, A.S.Abbott, Secretary; G.Taylor, Chaplain; J.LeClear, Tyler.

1872- This year opened with brighter prospects for the return of harmony between all the contending parties, and a settlement of the prevailing difficulties. The number of meetings during the year was fifteen. On the 17 April a motion was submitted to the Lodge, "That in order to restore harmony amongst the brethern, application be made to the Grand Lodge of Canada for a charter, provision being made that the 209 retain its number, and be permitted to continue its present ancient Irish work". This motion was carried with a few dissentients. On the 19th June, the new warrant was received, but no guarantee accompanying it that the Lodge would be allowed to proceed in its present work, it was ordered to remain in statu quo until such guarantee was forwarded. Installation, July, 17th: Jno.Shoplan, W.M.; Wm.Gray, S.W.; D.McPhail, J.W.; Jno.Scandrett, Treasurer; A.S.Abbott, Secretary; M.Teeple, S.D.; J.J.Hull, J.D.; Geo.Taylor, Chaplain; J.LeClear, Tyler. The guarantee referred to had by this time been received, of which the following is a copy:- "Special permission granted, with warrant to St.John's Lodge, 209a, G.R.C.,- To all whom it may concern: This is to certify that StJohn's Lodge, 209, I.R., meeting at London, Province of Ontario; having affiliated itself with this Grand Lodge, authority is hereby given to the Worshiful Master, Wardens, and brothers of said

said Lodge, to continue their work as heretofore. Given under our hand and seal of Grand Lodge , this 9th day of July, 1872,A.L.5872. By comman, Thos.B. Harris, Secretary". The rseport was adopted and the Lodge from that date has worked under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in harmony with other Lodges. After installation, Bro. Abbott was presented with an address and a service of plate, for distinguished services said to have been rendered the Lodge. On the 27th December, the following officers were installed - Jas.O'Connor, W.M.; D.McPhail,S.W.; John White, J.W.; Geo.Taylor,Chaplain; Thos.Peel,Treasurer; A.S.Abbott, Secretary;Jos.Pigot,S.D.; W.Smith,J.D.; J.LeClear,Tyler. This being the first installation under the new warrant, the ceremony was performed in concert with the other Lodges, in their hall, Buckley 's building, Richmond Street.

1873.- The Lodge now returned to its original form of annual elections on December 27th. The number of meetings held this year was eighteen. On th 15th January a protest was entered against the election of Bro O'Connor as Worshiful Master, on the plea that he was not properly received into the Lodge after his suspension. The matter was referred to the Board of G neral purposes for consideration. On the 19th May the Board decided, that Bro. O'Connor's election was invalid, and that the election be awarde to Bro.Gray. The investigation proved an expensive one, and cost the Lodge for witnesses and others to Toronto, the sum of $70.00. The bitter feeling of among the brethern of the two St.John's Lodges was not yet quite eradicated for on the 16th April, Bro. Hawthorne reported that he had been refused admission to No. 20. The same evening a committee was appoint ed to confer with the sister Lodges , in order that arrangements might be arrived at for all the lodges to meet in one hall. On motion the Grand L dge of Ireland was ordered to be communicated with asking it to return the original Irish warrant of 209, cancelled, that it might be retained and hung up in the Lodge room, as a reminder of by-gone days. On the 15th October,the committee on Lodge room accomodation reported that terms had been agreed upon , whereby 209 might occupy the hall in which the other Lodges held their meetings in Huron and Erie buildings. Installation of officers,December 17th, as follwos: - D.McPhail, W.M.; Jos.Pigot,S.W T.M.Tracy, J.W.; Thos.Peel, Treasurer; J.Burnett,Secretary; Geo.Taylor, Chaplain; W.Smyth, S.D.; J.D.Hull, J.D.; J.LeClear, Tyler .

1874.- Number of meetings this year, thirteen. On the 18th February twenty-two members were suspended for non-payment of dues, and the terms of agreement between the Lodges , for occupying new Hall by 209, signed and sealed; on the 19th of August the first meeting was held there Installation of officers, december 27th:- T.M.Tracy, W.M.; J.Burnett, S.W. Wm. Smyth, J.W.; Thos.Peel, Treasurer; John Shppland, Secretary; Mich.Irwin Chaplain; The Lodge afterwards adjourned in memory of the late Bro. Harris Grand Secretary.

1875.- Number of meetings, seventeen. Nothing of importance to record during the year except election of W ero. Tracy as Grand Junior Warden at Grand Lodge meeting at Ottawa. On the 11th of November a new organ was purchased for Lodge ata cost of $[illegible] . Installation, December27th.:- T.M.Tracy, W.M.; Wm.Hawthorn, S.W.; B.W.Greer, J.W.; Wm.Willis,Treasurer; Jno.Si dons, Secretary; R.Irwin, Chaplain; F.J.Hood,Tyler. On the 26th Sunday, the brethern attended Divine service at St.Paul's church. Total number of brethern on books at end of year, 89.

1876. - The amount of credit of Lodge at commencement of year was $15.65. On the 10th. February, Bro. Burnett was presented with a Master Mason's apron Jewel, in recognition of his services as secretary for 1874. October 12th, the Lodge subscribed for ten shares of Masonic Temple stock, in the name of the Worshiful Master and his Successors, as trustees. The following officers were installed on the 27th. December:- WmHawthorne, W.M.; B.W.Greer, S.W.; J.Burnett, J.W.; Wm.Willis, Treasurer; J.Siddons, Secretary; W.Platt, Chaplain;, A.J.McDonald, S.D.; W.H.Rooks, J.D.; F.J.Hood, Tyler; Number of meetings held during year, nineteen. Number amxbooks of members on books, 91.

1877. - This year the Lodge commenced with a credit of $32.71. Number of meetings held was twenty. The officers installed on the 27th. December, were as follows: - B.W.Greer, W.M.; Jas. Bennett, S.W.; A.J.R.McDonald, J.W.; J.Siddons, Secretary; WmWillis.Treasurer;, D.McPhail, Chaplain; W.Rooks, S.D. H.C.Owens, J.D.; F.J.Hood, Tyler. The balance at the end of the year was $ $120.76, and the number of members, 106.

1878.- Number of meetingsheld this year, nineteen, and the cash credit at commencement, $120.76. The mortality among the brethern during the tear was above the average. On the 9th February Bro. Thos Haskett was buried with Masonic honors. March 14th, the Lodge presented Bro. Wm. Hawthorne with a Past-Master's jewel, in consideration of his services in the chair during 1876. On the 9th May, Bro. McPhail was also made the recipient of a jewel for similar services as Wor. Master. The same evening the Lodge passed a resolution reducing the annual dues of members residing a distance of ten miles from the city to $1.50. On the 20th. June the brethern attended the funeral of the late Bro. Wm Taylor; and on the 27th November the remains of Bro. Rapley were interred with the usual rites. The following officers were installed on the 27th December:- A.J.R.McDonald, W.M.; W.H.Rooks, S.W. H.C.Owen, J.W.; Jno. Siddons, Secretary; Wm.Willis, Treasurer; A.S.Abbott, Chaplain; Jno.S.Dewar, S.D.; W.J.Johnston, J.D.; F.J.Hood, Tyler. Number of members, 109.

1879.- The funds in hand in January amounted to $123.51. Number of meetings during year, nineteen. On the 10th. April the Lodge purchased ten additional shares of Temple stock. June 8th, the funeral of Bro. W.S Smith took place with Masonic honors. October 9th, a committee was appointed, consisting of Bros. Rooks, McPhail, and Siddons, to co-operate with Committees of other Lodges, to arrange for the proper care of the Masonic burial plot. On the 21st December the late Bro. L. Hessel was buried with the usual honors. The following officers were installed on 24th. December:- W.H.Rooks, W.M.; H.C.Owens, S.W.; John S.Dewar, J.W.; J.Siddons, Secretary; Wm.Willis, Treasurer; Jas.Taylor, Chaplain; W.J.Johnston, S.D.; Wm.Noble, J.D.; F.J.Hood, Tyler. On the 25th., the brethern in a body attended divine service at St.James church, Westminster, when an admirable sermon was preached by Rt. Wor. Rev. Bro. Davis, G.C. which was afterward printed in pamphlet form and distributed among the brethern.

1880.- The amount of funds in hand to commence the year with was only $6.33. Number of meetings during the year, sixteen. On the 8th January the Lodge presented Bro. A.J.R.McDonald with a Past-Master's jewel. April 8th. fourteen members were suspended for non-payment of dues. The Lodge on the 12th August, voted a grant of $50.00 towards the expenses incurred in the celebration of laying the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple. On the 9th December the Secretary was awarded the sum of $75.00 for his services during the year, $25.00 of which he donated back to the funds of the Lodge. Installation of officers on the 27th December:- H.C.Oweb, W.M.; J.S.Dewar, S.W.; W.J.Johnston, J.W.; Jas. Taylor, Chaplain; Jno.Siddons, Secretary; Wm.Willis, Treasurer; Wm.Noble, S.D; Alex.McDonald, J.D.; F.J.Hood, T ... Number of members 95

1881.-- 1881.- Balance to credit of Lodge in January, $ 5.30. Number of meetings, seventeen. February 10th., the Secretary's salary was fixed at $50.00 per annum; and the same evening an organist was appointed , at a salary of $25.00. Later in the evening Bro. Rooks was presented with the customary jewel. On the 24th November resolutions of condolence to the Secretary were passed by the Lodge, engrossed and framed on the death of his two sons, one of whom was drowned in the melancholy Victoria disaster, on the 24th of May of this year. December the 8th., a new burial lot committee was appointed, consisting of Bros. Hawthorn, McPhail and Siddons. Installation December 27th, as follows: J.S.Dewar, W.M.; W.J.Johnston, S.W. Wm. Noble, J.W.; Jas. Taylor, Chaplain; Jno. Siddons, Secretary; Wm. Willis, Treasurer; Alex. McDonald, S.D.; W.A.Reid, J.D.; F.J.Hood, Tyler. Balance in hand, $172.27. Number of members on books, 114.

1882. - This was a very prosperous year for the Lodge, as will be seen from the large number of meetings held (25), as well as the balance shown at the close. On the 12th January Bro. Owens was presented with a Past-Master's jewel. March 9th, an official visit was paid the Lodge by the Grand Master. On the 13th July Bro. Dewar was presented with a nes silk hat by a few of his admirers, to be worn officially. The following officers were installed December 27th.:- W.J.Johnston,W.M.; W.Noble, S.W.; Alex.McDonald,J.W. Jas.Taylor, Chaplain; Wm. Willis, Treasurer; Jno. Siddons, Secretary; W.A.Reid, S.D.; W.O'Brien, J.D.; F.J.Hood, Tyler. On the 31st Dec. Bro. W.H.Rooks was buried with Masonic honours at Woodland, the brethern mustering in large numbers. Balance on hand , $ 239.16. Number of members on books, 128.

1883. - The number of meetings this year was nineteen. On the 11th January, Bro. Dewar was presented with a handsomely engrossed address and Past Master's jewel. On the 12th April the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Grand Secretary and prefer a claim on St. John's 20 for the jewels and records of 209, which said 20 held in its possession and refused to give up. On the 10th the brethern attended the funeral of Bro. Jas. O'Brien of Dorchester, busses being engaged for the occasion. In July of this year Grand Lodge was held at Ottawa, and W.Bro. Dewar of this Lodge was unanimously elected Grand Junior Warden. On the 9th August notice was received from the Grand Secretary, notifying the Lodge that No. 20 had been ordered to produce and hand over to 209 a certified copy of its old records. The same evening one of the old sets of jewels belonging to 209 while working under the Irish register, and found some time previously among the effects of the late Bro. McMullen, was presented to the :Lodge by Bro. Baxter. Those jewels were purchased in 1846, and abstracted from the Lodge room during the troubles of that period. It was ordered that the relics be placed in a suitable case, in a prominent position in the Library.

On the 13th September, Bro. Bro. Jas. O'Connor was created an honourary member. On the 12th July the Lodge purchased a new set of collars at a cost of $48.00 . Installation of the 27th. of Dec. as follows: - Wm.Nobl , W.M.; Alex. McDonald, S.W.; W.A.Reid, J.W.; F.H.Fatt, Chaplain; W.Willis, Treasurer; Jno. Siddons, Secretary; W.O'Brien, S.D.; A.E.Cooper, J.D.; F.J.Hood, Tyler; The balance at the end of the year was only $3.00. Number of members on books 134.

1884.- Number of meetings this year, sixteen. February 4th a Past-Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Johnston. The same evening the certified copies of the minutes of 209, from the year 1842- 1854, were handed into the Lodge, in conformity with instructions from the Grand Lodge. The funeral of Bro. McPhail, on the 30th

30th November, and that of Bro. Peel on the 26th.December, were both largely attended by the brethern. Installation on St. John's day as follows:- Alex. McDonald, W.M.; W.O'Brien, S.W. A.E.Cooper,J.W.; Jas. Taylor, Chaplain; Wm. Willis, Treasurer; J.Siddons, Secretary; F.J.Hood, Tyler. The balance this year was reduced to the sum of .80¢. Number of members on books, 129, a decrease of five on the previous year.

1885. - This was an unusually busy year , the number of meetings held being twenty-one. In the early part of March, a very pleasant conversazione under the auspices of the Lodge was held in the banqueting hall , and proved successful in every particular. A presentation of a Past-Master's jewel was made to Bro. Noble on the 12th March. On the 9th a handsomely engrossed address was presented to each of the military brethern absent on duty in the North-West, viz., Bros. Tracy, Peters and McKenzie, complimenting them upon their patriotism on the work of ~~quelling the rebellion~~ aiding in quelling the rebellion. On the 14th May the Lodge subscribed for five additional shares of Temple stock. An official visit was paid the Lodge by Rt. Wor. Bro. Simpson, D.D.G.M., on the 13th July. On the 10th December the regular meeting was made unusually pleasant by an official visit from the Grand Master and other Grand officers. The Most Worshipful was presented with a suitable address, beautifully engrossed, and the party were afterwards entertained at supper in the Banqueting Hall. The same evening Bro. Abbott presented the Lodge through Bro. Cooper, with an ancient pocket-piece some eighty years old, formerly belonging to Bro. Jno. McDowell, one of the old members of 209. The watch is now to be seen among the other Lodge curiosities, in the cabinet , in the Library. The following officers were elected during the evening , and installed on the 28th. :- Wm.O'Brien, W.M.; A.E.Cooper, S.W.; J.A.Smith, J.W.; Jas. Taylor, Chaplain; Wm.Willis, Treasurer; Jno. Siddons, Secretary; Geo. C. Davis, S.D.; A.Carruthers, J.D.; F. .Hood, Tyler; The number of applications this year was ~~thir~~ thirty-one, and the number of members on the books, 142. An increase of 13 over the previous year.

1886.- The balance on hand at the commencement of this year was $55.59. The Lodge during the first six months was presided over by the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Alex. McDonald; Bro. O'Brien, the W.M. elect, being unavoidably absent from the city during that time. On the 14th January the Lodge awarded W.Bros. Dewar and McDonald, a vote of thanks for their efforts in securing a visit to the Lodge of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master at the regular meeting in December. The same evening it was ordered that a list of the active members of the Lodge , with date of their initiation, passing and raising, be prepared by the Secretary and printed for circulation among the brethern. At the regular meeting, February 11th. Wor.Bro. A.S.Abbott was made an honorary member and subsequently the Lodge presented W.Bro. Alex. McDonald with the customary Past-Master's jewel. On the 11th March the Lodge granted the sum of $25 towards the Masonic Library fund; during the evening a new code of By-laws for the guidance of the Lodge was read and adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the Grand Master for his approval. On the 6th May the remains of W.Bro. Geo. Taylor were interred with Masonic honors. At the regular meeting, Aug. 12th.the Lodge was honored with a visit from Most Wor. Bro. Henry Rogertson, the newly elected Grand Master, on which occasion the Third Degree was exemplified. On the 14th October, the Secretary reported that the annual rent of the Masonic Hall had been reduced by the Directors from $450 to $400 per annum. At a special meeting on the 25th November, the Lodge was officially visited

visited by the D.D.G.M. of No. 3 District , R.W.Bro.Slater, when an exemplification of the second and third degrees was given, and the respective officers complimented upon their ability in the work. A large attendance graced the hall, many being visiting brethern from Sister Lodges. On the 9th December the annual election of officers took place, at which time the new by-laws were introduced and came into force. Among the important ammendments tthereto was an increase in the initiation and affliation fees, and the dues of outside brethern were advanced from $1.50 to $3.00. The number of members on the books at date is 150, the largest, if I am correctly informed, of any other Lodge in the city. The receipts for the year have been unusually large, amounting to over $900, while the expenditure has beenabout one-half, leaving a handsome balance to commence the year 1887 with.

In some years past the Lodge has been singularly fortunate in having chosen a staff of officers, the majority of whom, aided by many of the brethern, have laboured successfully in advancing its interests. It has, as a result, made rapid progress, and now ranks in every respect second to mmm no other Lodge in the City, if not in Canada. It embraces a class of members of which it may justly feel proud. Business proceeds harmoniously, and the ritual is demonstrated from the chair in a manner acceptable to all, every effort being made to thoroughly educate the younger brethern in the work of the various degrees. And now, having brought this sketch down to the present year, may I be permitted to offer a recommendation to the brethern, as the most efficient means of extending the influence of the Lodge, the cultivation of that beautiful code of morals which permeates the entire system of Freemasonry, assured that nothing can tend so effectually to crown the science with the verdant owreath of public opinion approbation , as the virtuous life and guileless demeanor of its assiduous followers. So mote it be.

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